

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 331

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 70N in Putnam County in honor of the late Maurine Ensor Patton.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Mrs. Maurine Ensor Patton, one of Putnam County's finest citizens, who recently passed away at the age of ninety-three; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mrs. Patton, a lady who molded young minds and positively influenced young lives for many years as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Maurine Ensor Patton was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and she worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of the Gentry community; and

WHEREAS, a passionate student and supporter of the history and the heritage of the Upper Cumberland, Mrs. Patton was also a renowned genealogist who authored several books on Putnam County families and cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 70N in Putnam County to honor Mrs. Patton's memory and to permanently commemorate her bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that the segment of U.S. Highway 70N from its intersection with Ensor Hollow Road to its intersection with Little Indian Creek Road in the Gentry community of Putnam County is hereby designated the "Maurine Ensor Patton Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 70N described in the first resolving clause as the "Maurine Ensor Patton Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Putnam County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Putnam County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department by Putnam County within thirty (30) days of the county receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation the "Maurine Ensor Patton Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of, or

bridges on, any highways described in this resolution as the "Maurine Ensor Patton Memorial Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation..